

### Focus Area #3: SUBSTANCE ABUSE - WORKER KNOWLEDGE, STRATEGIES, RESOURCES

Quarterly Report for July, August, and September 2008

Goal #1	Baseline	Process Measure	Date Due	Quarterly Progress
<b>Strengthen relationship with State and local substance abuse authorities.</b>	No formal agreements	Formal relationships established	See below.	
1. In collaboration with Regional DCFS and Local Substance Abuse Authority Staff, develop statewide and local Memoranda of Understanding with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and local authorities that identify cooperative working arrangements and outline responsibilities of DCFS, DSAMH, and Local Substance Abuse and mental health Authorities (LSAMHA).		MOU with DSAMH  Each region completes at least one MOU with a local substance abuse authority	June 2008  Dec 2008	An MOU has been developed and shared with both Divisions. DCFS has signed it, and is awaiting the final signature from the DSAMH director.  Discussions have begun in each region regarding the most important issues to be included in local MOU's.
2. Cooperate in development of legislation or policies allowing for statewide collection, distribution, and analysis of data for mutual clients between child welfare, domestic violence, and substance abuse to help increase statewide coordination between the state, counties and communities.		Concern raised in meetings with department administration or legislature	Ongoing	Katy Larsen oversees the substance abuse area and is a member of the DCFS administrative team. She ensures coordination among and across all program areas within the Division as well as being included in the discussions regarding proposed legislation.
3. Identify and coordinate with other organizations conducting substance abuse in Utah to avoid duplication of efforts and to better collaborate to address issues and needs.		Documentation of collaborative activities	Ongoing	DCFS employed Kenneth Brown, LPC, as a full time Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Administrator to increase collaboration with DSAMH, LSAMHA, and providers.

Participate in the Governor's Cabinet Council and support council efforts to promote substance abuse prevention and treatment, particularly pertaining to children and families.		Governor's Cabinet Council Minutes	Quarterly	Assigned to Charri Brummer, Deputy Director.
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Process Measure</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	
<b>Increase caseworker and supervisor knowledge of:</b> <b>(a) Effective strategies to work with families when substance abuse is a factor,</b> <b>(b) Availability of and access to treatment resources in the community.</b>	No baseline is available	New feedback measures from workers	June 2009	Currently conducting a focus group and needs assessment for this area. The needs assessment includes numerous recommendations for caseworker training. The administrative team will set the priorities on November 4, 2008.
1. Implement follow-up activities for substance abuse training for DCFS staff.		Curriculum, training records, and evaluation	Ongoing with quarterly reports  Sep/08	Mr. Brown's position has been attached to the Development Team to help facilitate and expedite this requirement.  The needs assessment has been completed. It will be presented on November 4, 2008 to the administrative team, who will set priorities for follow-up.
2. In conjunction with Local Substance Abuse Authorities and other community partners, participate in local substance abuse resource discussions and training on clinical treatment and interventions effective in protecting the permanency, safety, and wellbeing of children of substance abusers.		Joint resource discussions or training held at least annually	Annually by June 30	In September 2008, Ken Brown and Kerri Burns presented at the annual Division of Substance Abuse conference.

3. Analyze use of Promoting Safe and Stable Families Time Limited Reunification grant funds. As appropriate, make recommendations and assist in implementing improvements in DCFS region practices to better address substance abuse and other allowable treatment needs.		Report completed.  New 5-yr Child and Family Services Plan	Dec 2008  June 2009	
4. Explore child welfare-specific resources as they become available for addressing substance abuse and child welfare needs.		Record of grant search and grant application, if available	Ongoing	Notified appropriate Program Administrators of available grant opportunities as outlined in last quarter's report.